Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A high strength impact resistant knee protector comprising~~: essentially in combination:~~

a single piece of preformed high strength, lightweight material that is contoured about the knee between 50% to 75% of the circumference thereof;

at least ~~a~~ **one** layer of impact resistant foam padding ~~is~~ secured onto ~~one~~ **a** side of said preformed piece~~; wherein the knee protector is covered on at least one of inner and outer sides with an material having elastomeric qualities~~; and

~~the~~ **an** outer cover **having elastomeric qualities that** forms a pocket that receives said preformed piece ~~therein~~.

8. (Currently amended) The knee protector of claim 7 wherein the foam padding is ~~covered~~ **secured** on**to** both sides of the preformed piece.

9. (Currently amended) The knee protector of claim 7 wherein the high strength, lightweight material is ~~chosen from the group comprising~~ titanium, aluminum, stainless steel, hard plastic or similar impact ~~materials~~ **material**.

10. (Previously presented) The knee protector of claim 9 wherein the high strength, lightweight material dissipates impact force.

11. (Currently amended) The knee protector of claim 7 **adapted** ~~is formed~~ to slide up onto the knee and fit stationary onto the area of the knee without the aide of hinges, straps, screws or any similar ~~devices~~ **device** that can hinder lateral movement ~~by the knees and surrounding areas thereof~~ **of the knee**.

12. (Currently amended) The knee protector of claim 7 wherein the foam padding is stitched or bonded to form **a** pocket for ~~the high strength material~~ **said preformed piece**.